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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please amended claims 1, 6, 7, 9-12, 14, 15, 17-19, 20, 22-24, and 28-30, as follows:~~

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~~(Amended) A reforming apparatus comprising an integrated structure of three separate units, which comprises:~~

~~a raw material reforming unit for steam-reforming a raw material to be reformed and producing a reformed gas containing hydrogen as a principal component, including a heat source that generates heat by combustion of a fuel gas, operable to directly obtain heat for the steam reformation reaction from said heat source;~~